



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/683,861	02/22/2002	Robert Otillar	06730.0016.CPUS00	2418

7590 01/05/2006

ROBERT P. OTILLAR
950 N. SAN ANTONIO RD
SUITE 16D
LOS ALTOS, CA 94022

EXAMINER

LUDLOW, JAN M

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

1743

DATE MAILED: 01/05/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

EXAMINER

ART UNIT	PAPER
----------	-------

12262005

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

1. The reply filed on September 12, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The arguments concerning the Rejections under 35 USC 112, first paragraph refer to certain language appearing in certain paragraphs of the disclosure, but the paragraphs applicant refers to do not appear to conform with the specification as filed. For example, applicant indicates that paragraph [0080] has reference to "discrete" particles, but paragraph [0080] discusses microshutters. Applicant indicates paragraph [0060] discusses determining the number of spheres in a well, but paragraph [0060] describes Figure 13 as including an interface module with micro-optics. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. The examiner includes a copy of the specification as filed for Applicant's convenience. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jan M. Ludlow whose telephone number is (571) 272-1260. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 11:30 am - 8:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill A. Warden can be reached on (571) 272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Jml
December 26, 2005

attachment: Specification as filed.

Jan M. Ludlow
Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 1743